

HB 1069 -- LICENSURE OF HOSPITALS

SPONSOR: Bondon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

Beginning July 1, 2018, this bill stipulates that hospitals in compliance with Medicare conditions of participation, as defined, will be deemed to constitute compliance with the standards for hospital licensure under Sections 197.010 to 197.120, RSMo, and regulations thereunder.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will streamline hospital licensure. State and federal hospital licensure is often duplicative and sometimes the requirements are in conflict with each other, causing increased costs to hospitals and state departments. Removing the overlap in federal and state requirements would gain efficiency and reduce costs.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bondon; Missouri Hospital Association; and Saint Luke's Health System.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say this bill would still require a high accreditation standard.

Testifying on the bill was Dean Linneman, Department of Health and Senior Services.